Martin Waldron call from Austin,Tx., 9/23/75

Going thru TCI archive for story that wou,d justify Church Committee going into JFK ass.

Talked about Hunts and their litigation. To Hunts and to Hirschkop. Printed stories of denials of any CIA files on Hunts wrong. They got copies, Martin has a set and is to send me a copy of each paper. I told him for personal not loterary reasons. Bunker told him they had refused to help CIA in Lybia and th confiscation cost them 50 billion.

Hirschkop told him getting flat fee of $750,000.

Asked me if Paul Rothermel is CIA. I said I had no reason to believe in sense of employee but I had no doubt he had contact with those who served CIA but no reason to believe he did personally. Martin thinks someway Paul is CIA. As we chatted about this and not talking about CIA then he mentioned that Aynesworth is a close friend of Paul's. I asked him if he had any ideas about any connections Aynesworth has or had. I don't remember is Martin said CIA or asked it as a question. I told him I had heard this from a friend of Aynesworth's. Martin then talked about all the money Aynesworth spent and wondered where he got it (confirmation of Lonnie Hidkins' statements) and that he and his wife both drive new Lincoln Continentals. I asked on what the Dallas papers pay or was this when he was with Newsweek. When with Newsweek. Does Newsweek pay this well I asked? He laughed and said that if they do he'll put in for a raise.

Claims Hunt story is that Paul actually did rip the HHH company off as did the others but he had a contract for a company of Paul's (Marin Salvage) to handle HHH business with a skim that gave Paul $5,000,000. Says old man fond of Paul and thus treated him specially at time of charges.

Aynesworth gave him a different story than Hudkins has given on that alleged LHO numner. A's does not include tricking the FBI.

Great Mitchell/Kleindienst pressure from Washington not to indict those the Hunts wanted indicted. (Hunts walking around as though they expect acquittal.) Martin thinks because Paul CIA. Finally deal worked out no criminal charges against them if they paid token $100,000 back to HHH Co. Paul's share $25,000, and Joyce dropped suit. I told Martin the old man told me personally that he knew Paul was not a crook and that he had given Paul what he described as a small settlementout of court and as of then was still friendly with Paul and asked me to call him from the office, then and there. My point was the inconsistency between the boys telling Martin that Paul paying the HHH CO to settle and Hunt paying Paul to settle.

Martin knew the story about Paul getting the old man to take care of his other family before he died and claims Bunker (maybe other) told him the way it was done actually cost that family money.

Martin has been doing some checking or has a very good memory. He knew the date Hudkins' story appeared was 1/1/64. He knew a six-page LHO letter he found in Austin has errors (like FPCC's address in 1963) in it. This document interested him because of its possible purposes, one of w ich he conceived to be for use in Mexico. I told him that is my opinion and that for use with the Communist or the CIA its errors alone would have been counterproductive. (There were more.) I told him I'm not sure but I think it was published by the WC, probably Vol. 16, but told him how to reach Marion Johnson to check.

From what he said he can't have been given copies of the entire CIA file on the Hunts because he also said that the judge examined it in chambers and said it was not relevant to the issues before him. Apparently does confirm Hunts refused request to serve CIA. (I told him story of judge with Howar but did not mention her name when he told me of Hunt apparent faith in acquittal. In parried when he asked who has it by saying those with most need of and use for it.)